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FOR AMBASSADOR DALE AF/C FROM CHARGE

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL AMBASSADOR DALE

1. IN MAKING YOUR TRAVEL PLANS, BELIEVE YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF WHAT SEEM TO BE PRESIDENT BOKASSA'S PROJECTED TRAVELS OVER NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.

2. HE WILL RETURN FROM GERMANY THIS WEEKEND FOR CAR AUGUST 13 INDEPENDENCE FESTIVITIES, THEN APPARENTLY PROCEED NEXT DAY TO BRAZZAVILLE TO ATTEND LATTER'S CELEBRATIONS. HE ALSO PLANS TO ATTEND GABON CELEBRATIONS AUGUST 17, AFTER WHICH HE MAY RETURN TO BANGUI FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS BEFORE DEPARTING ON HIS TRIP TO SOVIET UNION. ACCORDING TO SOVIET EMBASSY HERE, HE WILL LEAVE BANGUI AUGUST 19 OR 20 FOR MOSCOW; HOWEVER, THIS DATE (AND OTHERS, FOR THAT MATTER) COULD SLIP, GIVEN BOKASSA'S PROCLIVITY FOR LAST-MINUTE CHANGES. HE WILL EVIDENTLY REMAIN IN SOVIET UNION UNTIL FIRST WEEK SEPTEMBER, AT WHICH TIME HE WILL PROCEED TO ALGIERS FOR NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE SEPT. 4-8. AFTER THAT HE WILL PROBABLY RETURN TO BANGUI TO AWAIT HIS NEXT VOYAGE, TO BELGIUM ON SEPTEMBER 24. HAITIAN AND U.S. TRIPS WILL FOLLOW.

3. THIS RAISES OBVIOUS PROBLEM FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO DO SO IN VERY SHORT INTERVAL BETWEEN GABON
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AND USSR TRIPS NEXT WEEK, BUT I AM DOUBTFUL THIS CAN BE ARRANGED

ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE AND WHILE BOKASSA STILL OUT OF COUNTRY, NOR
CAN WE EVEN BE SURE HE WILL ACTUALLY BE IN BANGUI THEN. NEXT
OPPORTUNITY WOULD SEEM TO BE SECOND WEEK SEPTEMBER AFTER HIS
RETURN FROM ALGIERS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN FIRM TRAVEL PLANS KNOWN SO GOCAR CAN BE
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